

**Cooper and Commerce Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board Meeting**

Wednesday, June 14, 2006
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Gilbert Municipal Building, Room 300
50 East Civic Center Drive, Gilbert

DRAFT MINUTES

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CAB members present: Pacer Udall, Deanna Gnadt, Chip Caldwell, Michael Evans, Bobbi Buchli, Carrie Lewis,

CAB Members absent: Mehdi Zebian, Nayangenya (Joe) Maniga, Bruce Friedrich

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Scott Goodwin, Project Manager; Wendy Flood, Community Involvement Coordinator.

Members of the public present: Kelly Shawb and Nancy Mangone from Curtis, Goodwin, Sullivan, Udall & Shawb

The following matters were discussed, considered, or decided at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mrs. Flood introduced herself and thanked all for coming and serving on the board. She also announced that there will be a new Community Involvement Coordinator, Kirsten Stone Morlock. Introductions were done for those present as listed in these minutes.

2. Overview of the WQARF Program -

Mrs. Flood explained the WQARF program history and characteristics. Mr. Goodwin explained the WQARF remedial process and where the Cooper and Commerce site falls in the process. Cooper and Commerce is in the early response action (ERA) phase. The CAB has been formed early due to community interest. Mrs. Flood stated that she had a flow chart of the process that she will mail to CAB members.

A question was raised about the contaminated water. Mr. Goodwin answered that drinking water is provided from a depth of about 600 feet down, and the contaminated water associated with the site is located in a different level of the aquifer at around 100 ft.

Ms. Mangone asked about the community involvement process in place for the site once the remedy is selected. Mrs. Flood and Mr. Goodwin stated they will research what happens in regards to community involvement once the ROD is filed and the CAB dissolved.

3. Review of site background and activities –

Mr. Goodwin gave a history of the events that led up to the discovery of the contamination at the site. In 1994, cyanide contaminated soil was removed, and soil samples collected at 70 feet showed high levels of PCE. Monitoring wells were installed and concentrations in groundwater samples for PCE ranged from 29 - 540 parts per billion (ppb), and over the next few years got as high as 6,600 ppb. Mr. Goodwin explained further why an early response action was taken.

The Town of Gilbert legal counsel gave a summary of the ownership changes of the previous owners of the property. The CAB was assured that The Town of Gilbert is working very closely with ADEQ to get information on what might have caused the contamination.

Mr. Goodwin continued the presentation by reporting that in 2001, the Town of Gilbert detected PCE in monitoring well G-9 at concentrations of 90 ppb. In 2003, ADEQ installed two more monitoring wells; one shallow and one in the same depth range as the Town of Gilbert production well #15 at 580 to 610 feet. The site was then listed on the WQARF registry in June 2004. Quarterly monitoring occurs at the site for a variety of contaminants. PCE concentrations have been above the standard in the upper aquifer ranging from 5 to 450 ppb.

In March 2006, access was granted and several borings were drilled and sampled as part of an early response action. Mrs. Lewis related to the CAB the location and relationship of Skyline Steel to the property.

Mr. Goodwin stated that five deep and 15 shallow wells have been drilled and sampled. Three deep wells will be used as soil vapor monitoring wells. Two other wells were installed as combination wells for soil vapor extraction (SVE) and air sparging wells. Mr. Goodwin explained these procedures and went over the site map. The contractor is finalizing the results of the investigation. Mr. Goodwin and the CAB members went over maps of various well placements.

Future plans for the site include pilot testing for SVE/air sparge, aquifer testing and continued quarterly monitoring. Mrs. Lewis asked how fast the site boundaries grew. Mr. Goodwin responded that it has taken about thirty years to get to this point and is not expected to grow much more. Mr. Udall asked if soil vapor extraction is the best remedial action. Mr. Goodwin said others might be used later but this was the best for the ERA phase. ADEQ will be getting a permit from the county for the air vapor extraction.

Ms. Mangone asked when the contractor report will be available. Mr. Goodwin stated it should be ready by the end of June. It will be in the repository once it is finalized. She requested it be e-mailed to her and asked about getting other aspects of the site sent out via e-mail. Mrs. Flood will research the legality of such a request. ADEQ will start doing further monitoring and pilot testing starting in July 2006.

4. CAB Notebooks --

Mrs. Flood passed out CAB notebooks to each member and went through the contents. It was requested that these books and their contents be returned upon the resignation of CAB members.

5. CAB Roles and Responsibility-

Mrs. Flood asked if there were any questions on the information previously sent to CAB members. She assured them that more detailed information will be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Evans inquired about e-mail replies. Mrs. Flood clarified that it can only be to the person who sent the e-mail.

6. CAB Charter discussion and Co-Chair voting-

Mrs. Flood described the roles of a CAB Co-chair. Mr. Charles Caldwell nominated Mr. Pacer Udall, and it was seconded by Ms. Deanna Gnadt and unanimously passed. Mr. Charles Udall nominated Mr. Mike Evans, and it was seconded by Ms. Carrie Lewis and unanimously passed.

Mrs. Flood facilitated the review of the sample charter that was previously sent to CAB members. Changes were discussed and proposed. The revised charter will be voted on at the next meeting. Mrs. Mangone asked if there were proxies available. Mrs. Flood was unsure and will find out more information.

Mrs. Udall inquired about the public contacting CAB members. Mrs. Flood asked all CAB members to provide the contact information they would like made available to the public. CAB members asked for staggered terms for the co-chairs. Mr. Evans offered to be the first up for vote.

Mr. Evans recommended posting notices at the town hall by contacting the town clerks office and the southwest regional library. Mr. Evans also stated there was an independent newspaper. Mrs. Flood asked CAB members to get similar information to her to add to the mailing list. Mr. Evans requested information on WQARF Board meetings as per Part IV, letter J of the charter.

Mrs. Mangone asked if the CAB can hire or consult with an advisor on reviewing documents. Mrs. Flood said she will research if other CABs have asked for a second opinion on documents and add it to the charter. Mr. Evans stated there is a class at ASU that performs such activities.

7. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Discussion

The CAB agreed to have the next meeting on August 10, 2006 with the location to be determined. Agenda items will include charter voting and signing, CAB roles and responsibilities, open meeting law training and a site update.

8. Adjournment